

Hudson High School - 69 Brigham Street - Hudson, MA 01749 **Sunday, March 9, 2008**

The 2nd annual Youth New England Wrestling Championship will take place on Sunday, March 9, 2008 at Hudson High School in Hudson MA. Representatives from all six New England states have agreed to participate in this event. The top three (3) wrestlers in 32 weight classes from each state will qualify to represent their state in the Youth New Englands. Wrestlers from each of the six states are required to participate in a state qualifying tournament and compete in the weight class at which they wrestled in the state qualifier. The Youth New England Wrestling Championship is sanctioned by USA Wrestling. **All wrestlers and coaches** must have a USA Wrestling card to participate. Cards are available online at www.themat.com. Entry fee is \$30 per wrestler with USA card; all wrestlers are guaranteed a minimum of 2 matches. Admission will be \$5. Concessions and wrestling gear will be available on site.

The Connecticut State Championships will be held at Hartford Public High School on March 2, 2008. Connecticut residents interested in competing in the New England Youth Wrestling Championship must qualify by placing in the top 3 of their respective weight class at the Connecticut State Championships. A birth certificate must be presented upon placing in the top 3 of their respective weight class at the Connecticut State Championships for division verification purposes during registration for the New England Youth Wrestling Championship Tournament.

Set Weights:

Novice Division - 1996 / 1997 birth years: 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 112, 120, 130, 140, 165

Middle School Division – 1993, if in 8th grade / 1994 / 1995 birth years: 70, 77, 84, 91, 98, 105, 112, 120, 128, 136, 144, 152, 160, 175, 190, 210, 250

Wrestling:

Brackets of 18 will be formed in 32 set weight classes using a pre-determined seeding chart. This is a double elimination tournament, except where pigtails are needed for brackets with greater than 16 wrestlers. Period lengths: Championship bouts 2-1-1; Consolation bouts 1-1-1. Championship matches will be wrestled to determine place finishers for 1st, 3rd, and 5th place. Wrestling will start at 8 AM <u>sharp</u> on Sunday morning. All weigh-ins will take place on Saturday night at Hudson HS from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Finals are scheduled to start at 5:00 PM, preceded by a STANCE IN MOTION presentation sponsored by Dollamur Mats.

Pre-Registration:

Pre-Registration will take place through state representatives, upon qualification at the respective state-qualifying tournaments. State representatives will collect entry fees and compile information for all qualifying wrestlers for their respective states. A State Pre-Registration Form should be completed by each state tournament director and emailed to apolansky@charter.net. All qualifying wrestlers MUST be pre-registered at their state championship. Entry fees, payable to USAWCT prior to leaving the Connecticut State championship tournament on March 2, 2007

Registration & Weigh-ins:

Registration and weigh-ins will be held on **Saturday March 8, 2008 from 4-7 PM at Hudson High School (Hudson MA).** There will be no other registration / weigh-in locations. All wrestlers must be **pre-registered** at a set weight in order to weigh in. Wrestlers must produce age certification (**a birth certificate**) and a USA Wrestling Card in order to weigh in. Wrestlers who have not provided USA card numbers through their state directors will be required to purchase a USA Wrestling card prior to weigh-in.

<u>Awards</u> (sponsored by Massachusetts Wrestling Hall of Fame):

Tournament champions will receive an embroidered New England Champion sweatshirt. Top three place finishers will receive plaques. Finishers 4th, 5th, and 6th will receive engraved commemorative medals.

Official Tournament Hotel (mention New England Youth Wrestling Tournament block for special rate)

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites 265 Lakeside Avenue Marlborough, MA 01752

Hotel Front Desk: 1(508) 481-3000

\$87.00 (+ tax) per night

Restaurant Lounge Pool

Indoor Fitness Room

Aaron Polansky, Director of MA USA Wrestling, will run a Bronze Coaches Clinic Saturday, March 8th from 6-10pm (at our host hotel). Cost is \$75 for coaches with a USA Card. Interested coaches should contact Aaron Polansky at apolansky @charter.net.